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Brazilian band to play on campus

By Rickee Hill

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A fusion of reggae, funk, rock, rap and hip-hop with a Brazilian twist, Brazilian band Samba Da, is slated to visit the Student Union Ballroom on Saturday to participate in the Brazilian Carnival Dance Party.

Club Latin America, a student-run group, is sponsoring the cultural event.

"Samba Da performs and is recognized (both) nationally and internationally," club president Jesus Angulo said. "They recently were on tour."

According to Angulo, the objective of the concert event is for both Latin American students and those of other cultures to be exposed to Latin American entertainment.

Club Latin America is designed for education and entertainment purposes, he said.

Angulo said that San Jose has a large Portuguese community and that it is good for students to interact with one another.

Angulo said he expects many people to attend the event and enjoy the cultural experience.

Musical Director Papiba Godinho leads the six-piece Brazilian band.

According to the band's Web site, Godinho formed the band in 1997.

The band is based in Santa Cruz and is a cultivation of artists that "create music that fuse the rhythmic base of folkloric Brazilian percussion and vocal with contemporary instruments," the site stated.

Performing regularly in California, Samba Da can be seen in venues ranging from Los Angeles to the San Francisco Bay, including San Jose's the Usual.

"I first heard (Samba Da) last

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Love notes ...



Christy Kinsley / Daily Staff

In the afternoon glow of Valentine's Day, Mass Communications masters student Laurie Shantz works on a department newsletter.

SJSU, Taiwan join in program

By Anna Bakalis

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A top Taiwan University has joined academic forces with San Jose State University to offer a program of study to graduate students in business and engineering.

"The program will be used to expose students to the globalization of high tech businesses," said Belle Wei, chair of the department of electrical engineering.

Last month, Wei, SJSU Provost Marshall Goodman and SJSU President Robert Caret took a trip across the Pacific to visit five universities and three industry and science institutions.

The participating college, National Chiao Tung University, is one of the top universities in China.

"This university is the Taiwan equivalent to Silicon Valley," Wei said. "It also has a very extensive alumni network."

Last month, Caret signed an agreement of cooperation with the president of the Taiwan uni-

versity, Chun-Yen Chang.

The program is intended for students working toward an Executive Masters Business Administration and a Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering.

The engineering part of the program will offer one-week field trip courses in addition to traditional classes.

The business emphasis will offer coursework as well as visits to top business companies. "This is a jointly offered degree program," Wei said. "In order to get a degree, coordination is needed between the two universities."

According to Wei, the main purpose of the program is to combine real-world business practices with top courses offered at the two universities.

Wei added that there is a demand for talented high-tech professionals in China, and this program will enhance scholarly opportunities for the Republic of China.

"Taiwan is more advanced in

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Love celebrated at Valentine reading

By Rima Shah

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The rhythm of poetry blended with the cadence of music at the 20th annual Valentine's celebration at Le Petit Trianon Theatre in downtown San Jose on Thursday evening.

Love poetry flowed into the tiny chapel inside the theatre.

About 100 people, listened to the deep booming voice of Nils Peterson, a retired poetry professor at San Jose State University.

The audience laughed with Peterson making fun of himself and reciting poetry describing first crushes and sighed at verses describing the mysteriousness of love.

Peterson said poetry connects

so deeply with love because it speaks more deeply in the psyche than prose.

"I think partly because it depends on images rather than the logical picture," Peterson said. "It relies on the picture part of language and the sound part of language. When you are reading a poem, it is not just operating on your intellect and mind, it is also operating on your emotions but it is also operating on your body."

"It is just like when you are singing, your body is an instrument on which the music is played and it just the same as when you are singing as when somebody is reciting poetry in front of you."

Singing, therefore, accompa-

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Choraliers get ready for trip with concert

By Michelle Giluso

DAILY STAFF WRITER

In anticipation for their upcoming trip to Hawaii, the San Jose State University Choraliers are scheduled to present their Aloha Concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Saratoga.

Charlene Archibeque, director of choral activities, said the concert is practice and preparation for their upcoming performance at the American Choral Directors Association Western Division Conference.

The conference, which will

host choirs from five West-Coast states, is scheduled for Feb. 21 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Aloha Concert will feature the program the choir will sing for the Association's Western Division Conference, Archibeque said.

"The SJSU choraliers are one of only four University choirs selected to perform for the Choral Directors Association," Archibeque said. "They had to make tapes (of them singing) and were chosen last summer for the conference."

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Caltrain to run different times

By Andrew Bollinger

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Caltrain will be running on a modified schedule on Monday because of the Presidents' Day holiday, according to Caltrain Public Information Officer Janet McGovern.

San Jose State University students who use Caltrain to get to and from school may be affected by the holiday schedule because there will be fewer trains running, she said.

"We are not trying to inconvenience anybody," said Caltrain Public Information Officer Jamie Maltbie. "We always run on modified schedules on Presidents' Day and the day after Thanksgiving."

When making train schedules, Maltbie said Caltrain looks at the volume of people on their trains.

Even though SJSU will be in

session on Monday, some businesses will be closed which means less people will use the trains on Presidents' Day, Maltbie said.

Sixty-two trains will run between San Francisco and San Jose with another four going to Gilroy, according to the Caltrain Web site.

On a normal business day 80 trains are in operation, while just 20 run on normal business holidays, Maltbie said.

Sophomore Industrial Technology major Jonathan Garcia said, "I didn't know. Too bad we have a holiday."

San Jose State students can look at the modified schedules at caltrain.com, Caltrain stations, or on the trains themselves to see if they will be affected by the modified schedule, according to McGovern.

Packaging program receives donation

By Jason Crowe

DAILY STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, students in San Jose State University's packaging program found out that gifts can come in very small packages.

The program received a \$7,500 check from the Western Packaging Association.

The association is a non-profit organization of West Coast professionals in the packaging industry.

According to Bill Floyd, the president of the Northern California chapter of the WPA, the donation to SJSU fits in with the association's goal of promoting packaging education.

"Our donation will go to support student-related packaging programs at San Jose State," Floyd said.

The check was accepted by Professor Lucy McProud, the Nutrition Science and Food Studies department chair.

"It's a wonderful gift," McProud said. "It helps us continue and flourish at SJSU."

McProud said that the Western Packaging Association has given a total of approximately \$70,000 to the department in the last five years.

"The (packaging) industry really pitches in," McProud said. "They help supplement our limited funds through the WPA (Western Packaging Association), which has been a very generous supporter of our program."

The group also donated \$2,500 earlier this year to help pay for packaging students to travel to trade shows, professor Peter Cocotas said.

McProud said that SJSU packaging students are given an opportunity to present examples of their work to professionals in the Western Packaging Association to solicit advice and suggestions.

Cocotas said that the WPA has had a relationship involved in the creation of the packaging program at SJSU and has been a consistent supporter ever since.

Cocotas said that the money would be going into the department's foundation fund.

"The donation will primarily be used to purchase equipment for the packaging lab and support part-time faculty in the department," Cocotas said.

He said that donations have also been used to help provide scholarships and grants to students in the program.



David Royal / Daily Staff

Peter Cocotas, Left, chair of The Packaging Advisory Board for the Western Packaging Association shakes hands with association president Bill Floyd while Dr. Lucy McProud, chair of the San Jose State

University Department of Food Science and Nutrition looks on. McProud holds a \$7,500 check that was donated to the school in the Almaden room of the Student Union Wednesday.

The Student Packaging Association hosted this month's meeting of the Western Packaging Association, which included a presentation on the practical challenges of creating color packaging given by the color box division of paper and packaging company, Georgia-Pacific, and a tour of the SJSU Packaging Lab.

Stefanie Harris, president of the Student Packaging Association, expressed gratitude for the group's gift.

"The Student Packaging Association is closely associated with the WPA (Western Packaging Association)," Harris said. "It's nice to get help from the professionals."

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Wrestling club evolving

By Dray Miller

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Wrestling club members gathered around Jim Lucas on the mat Wednesday night in the judo room in Yosh Uchida Hall to take a refresher course for the upcoming freestyle season.

"I was in Seattle for the Masters (wrestling tournament), and I broke a guy's ribs, tweaked a guy's neck, and separated a guy's shoulder," the enthusiastic coach of the Spartan wrestling club told the wrestlers while encouraging them to be more aggressive. "And they were all my friends."

Lucas is the driving force behind the effort to bring wrestling, a sport San Jose State University was once dominant in, back to the spotlight of Spartan athletics.

The 51-year-old marketing communications executive and 1973 Pacific Coast Athletic Association wrestling champion for the Spartans said he has about 40 students signed up to be part of the wrestling club, though they don't usually get that many at practice at one time.

"On a slow day we get 10, on a good day we get 20 or more," Lucas said.

He added that anyone of any skill level is welcome to attend practices, which take place most weeknights from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"The focus here is on technique, Lucas said. "So if you are a beginner or at the highest level, I am sure I can help you."

A variety of wrestlers of different skill levels, many of whom have not competed since they graduated high school, make up the roster.

Armando Lopez, who Lucas rates as one of the finest wrestlers to turn out for the wrestling club, hasn't competed in wrestling for three years, although he has done some coaching at his old high school.

"I assist for Santa Clara High, so I am around the sport," Lopez said.

Like many of the club members, he has high hopes for the future of Spartan wrestling.

"I hope (wrestling) will become an official sport for San Jose State, and go back to the '70s when it was a top wrestling school," Lopez said.

Club president Justin Esquivel, who has been out of wrestling for six years, said he has the same goal.

"There are a lot of people on campus that love the sport and would like to get



in shape," he said. "We have the team aspect, so hopefully we'll get it to be an NCAA sport again."

Fitness, for many of the participants, has been the driving force behind getting themselves back onto the mat.

"(For now) I'm doing this to get back into shape," sophomore Jared Chase said, adding that he would like to be competitive in the sport again. "I'd love it if we could get the team together by my senior year."

Club secretary Gabe Gammon, who has seven years of wrestling experience under his belt, stressed the importance of being fit in order to compete in the mat game.

"There is being in shape and being in wrestling shape," he said.

Gammon was also eager to see the club evolve from a loose gathering of wrestlers.

"I'd like to see us move to a team," he said. "Get a full lineup, and compete against other teams."

For now, the club is training for upcoming freestyle tournaments beginning in March, for which competition by club members is strictly on a voluntary basis, Lucas said.

"There is a club national tournament (for teams not receiving funding from their universities)," he said. "We are not quite ready for that, but next year, we definitely will be."

Lucas said he is anxious to see SJSU, which like it's surrounding areas has a rich tradition in wrestling, rise to the

prominence it once held among the ational collegiate wrestling rankings.

"(SJSU) is one of the richest wrestling programs going," he said. "It's a shame we haven't had it for 15 years."

San Jose State University wrestling dates back to the 1930s, when it featured 135-pounder Fortune Masdeo and 145-pounder Mel Bruno, who competed on U.S. National teams in Japan and Sweden.

The team became a national power in the early 1970s under the guidance of coaches Hugh Mumby, Bill Smith, Russ Camilleri, and T.J. Kerr.

Smith and Camilleri were both former Olympians, with Smith winning a gold medal as a welterweight at the Helsinki Olympic Games in 1952.

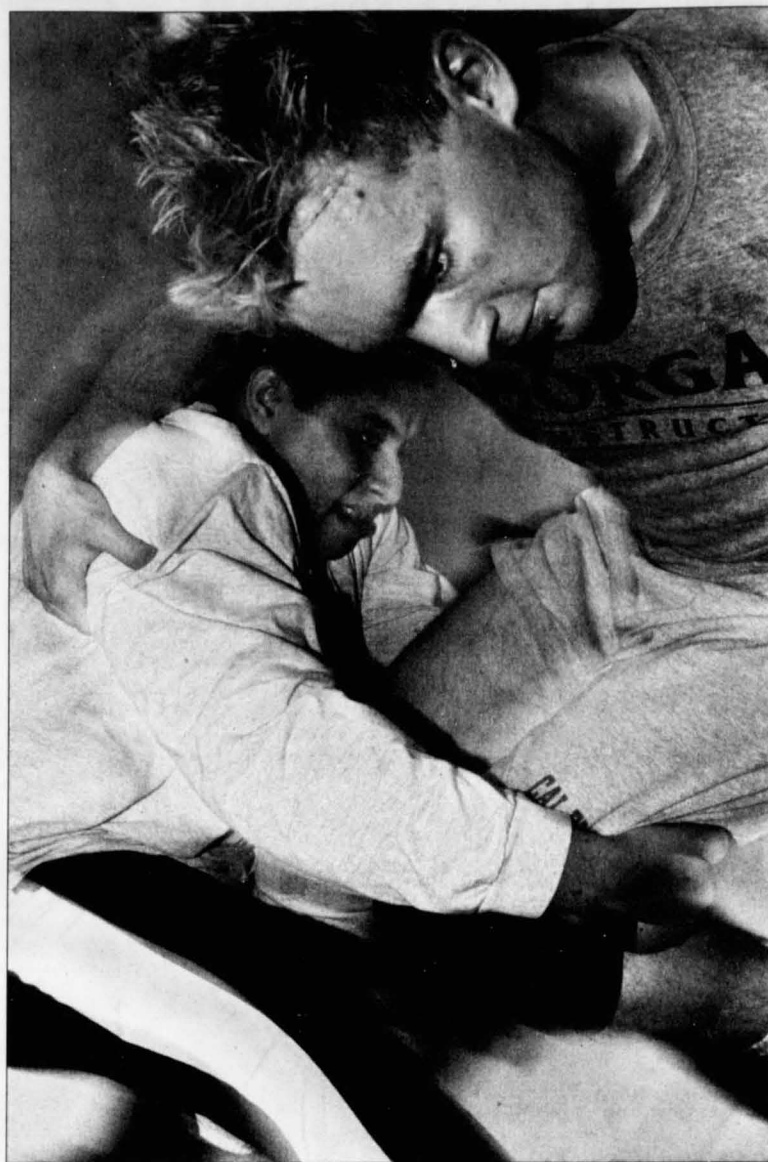
Kerr wrestled for the Spartans from 1968-71 before taking over as head wrestling coach in 1973.

He led the Spartans to four top-25 national rankings, including ninth in 1982, and he is currently the head coach at Cal State-Bakersfield.

Lucas appears confident that in time he can help the team reach its former level.

"I have been coached by some of the best ... Bobby Douglas (head coach of national powerhouse Iowa State), Dan Gable (a legendary coach at Iowa)," said the five-time Masters All-American who placed sixth in his senior division at last year's freestyle world championships.

"These guys realize I am serious and they are serious as well," Lucas said.



Ivan Kashinsky / Daily Staff

Top left, Jared Chase and Rayhad Ral grapple during a wrestling practice. Above, Rayhad Ral attempts to take down Jared Chase at the SJSU wrestling club practice on Wednesday night.

Examining the apathy and humor of the Olympics

Can't hang out tonight Chris? Tonight's not good. The qualifying portion for the women's mogul competition is on.

Do you have an excuse for missing class Mr. Giovannetti?

Yes I do professor. I couldn't miss the Latvia-Slovakia men's ice hockey qualifier.

There's something about the Olympics and international competition I've always enjoyed.

And it's something I can't figure out.

Yet somehow I know the sports backward and forward and I can recognize the stars.

I know I'm a sport junkie, but this is just weird.

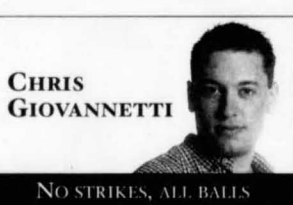
I loathe the winter season and can't wait until summer arrives.

I've never been skiing or snowboarding. In fact, I've seen real snow just twice in my life.

I ice skate about twice a year.

I've never curled anything besides my hair. (Don't ask).

And when the Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies aired last



CHRIS GIOVANNETTI

NO STRIKES, ALL BALLS

Friday, I was glued to the television for four hours.

That's the way it's always been. I couldn't care less about a regular season NBA game.

Therein lies the separation between most sports fans and myself.

And most Americans.

Compared to the Summer Olympics, where everyone seems to tune in, the Winter Olympics have a decidedly less following.

Why?

Well for one reason, outside of ice hockey, the Winter Olympics don't offer any events that the American population can identify with.

Conversely, the Summer

Games are loaded with sports familiar to Americans.

Even sports such as field hockey and archery either have some type of following or even a simple understanding of the game.

At the Winter Olympics, most of the sports premises are known, but Americans, especially those living outside of cold weather areas, have no experience playing, watching or participating in.

How many times has the average American been ski jumping?

Thus, competitions like the Nordic combined (a cross-country skiing and ski jumping competition) and biathlon (a cross-country skiing and shooting competition) come off as difficult to watch and don't draw much interest.

So much so that I've noticed the unfamiliarity has spilled into the NBC broadcast booth. When watching the games, have you ever noticed how the play-by-play announcer falls silent during all the action and the color commentator, who's usually an expert on the sport, takes full control of the

microphone?

The play-by-play guys are qualified announcers and veterans of the booth but their unfamiliarity of the sport sends them deep into the background.

It's a perfect illustration not to mention highly comical.

Here's how Tuesday's men's singles figure skating competition was handled between play-by-play man Tom Hammond and color man Scott Hamilton, who won a gold medal at the 1984 Sarajevo games in men's singles:

Hammond: "On the ice now is three-time World Champion Alexei Yagudin. Yagudin won world titles from 1998 through 2000 before fellow countryman Yevgeny Plushenko, upset him at the 2001 World Championship."

Hamilton (gushing): "This guy can do it all. We should be seeing great things tonight. I saw his performance earlier and it is absolutely flawless."

(Music starts and Yagudin goes into routine)

Hamilton (calling Yagudin's

routine while he performs it): "Triple axel into triple toe loop ... nailed it."

Hamilton (gushing more): "Yagudin does the little things right, Tom, his presentation is phenomenal."

Hammond (clueless): "Yes. It says here that Yagudin developed flu symptoms before the 1998 Olympics and fell during competition."

Hamilton (profusely gushing as Yagudin wraps up his performance): "I don't see how the judges can ignore this performance, Tom. Such artistry from the Russian tonight."

Hammond: "Indeed." (Yagudin leaves ice. Waits for scores off ice.)

Hammond: "Now we'll wait and see what the judges think."

(Scores appear on screen.) Hamilton: "Excellent marks by the judges, although I thought the presentation scores were a little low Tom."

Hammond (almost automatically): "Never the less, Yagudin moves into first place."

Repeatedly, every performance

went the exact same way with Hammond uttering one-word sentences and Hamilton gushing like a 12-year-old girl with her first crush.

Despite the media coverage, I found figure skating, I sport that I usually mock, interesting and refreshing.

And as for the Olympics as a whole, obscure event after obscure event, I find the entire Olympic experience fascinating. National competitions between countries are unlike anything experienced in professional leagues.

There's a once-in-a-lifetime, blood-rushing quality about them.

There's a reason I can get up for speed skating even though my knowledge of the sports is limited at best.

These games aren't even over and I'm already anticipating the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

Chris Giovannetti is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor

"No strikes, all balls," appears every other Friday.

Athletes try to put pairs controversy on back burner

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Even on a day when Bode Miller stormed back from 15th to a silver and Apolo Anton Ohno began his bid for four medals, there was no escaping the dominant story of these Winter Olympics: the judging scandal in pairs skating.

The head of the French Olympic team said Wednesday night that a judge from his country was pressured to "act in a certain way" before she voted to give the gold to the Russians over the Canadians.

The admission came after the International Olympic Committee made the unusual move of telling the International Skating Union to settle the mess that began Monday night and settle it fast. Hours earlier, the ISU president said he received "certain allegations" from the American referee who oversaw the judging and that he was trying to protect the integrity of his sport.

The controversy surely will be on the minds of everyone at the Salt Lake Ice Center on Thursday night when the men's title is decided.

Earlier Thursday, the U.S. medals parade in snowboarding began to skid as star racer Rosey Fletcher failed to make the finals of the parallel giant slalom. Teammates Sondra Van Ert and Lisa

Odynski also didn't advance. Lisa Kosglow was the only American to make it into the group of 16.

On the slopes, 17-year-old Americans Lindsey Kildow and Julia Mancuso were among the top 16 after the first of two slalom runs in the women's combined event. Teammate Caroline Lalive, the seventh-place finisher in 1998, fell on her run and dropped out.

The event usually starts with downhill, but high winds and fog forced a schedule change. Croatia's Janica Kostelic grabbed the early lead.

The 10-kilometer pursuit had its first leg in the morning, with Spain's Johann Muehlegg, the gold medalist in cross country's 30-kilometer freestyle, taking a big lead. All four Americans advanced, with Kris Freeman in 18th and John Bauer 19th.

The men's 90-kilometer Nordic combined team jumping was delayed by high winds.

Miller did his best to overshadow the controversy, overcoming the slalom a fall on the downhill part of the combined that left him 2.44 seconds behind Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt. His second slalom run is sure to become a staple of future Olympic highlights.

His dash was more than a sec-

ond faster than the next-best time even though he shattered a gate en route. Aamodt held on for the gold, his sixth Olympic medal, the most by an Alpine skier.

"I really didn't feel I had anything else I could do," Miller said. "I'd been trying to ski how I needed to ski all day and it wasn't working. So I decided to ski how I wanted to ski."

Miller's medal was the only one Wednesday for the United States, upping the host's total to 10. Germany earned six, vaulting to the top of the overall list with 12.

Ohno could help make up the difference.

The short track speedskating star got off to an electric start Wednesday by advancing to the 1,000-meter quarterfinals and by helping the U.S. team move into the semifinals in the 5,000 relay, his every glide cheered wildly by fans at the Salt Lake Ice Center.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime," he said.

The only other medal being decided Thursday is in women's 500-meter speedskating.

SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING: South Korea's Ko Gi-hyun became the youngest individual Olympic medalist in short track, winning the women's 1,500 meters at age 15. Teammate Choi

Eun-kyung got silver and Evgenia Radanova of Bulgaria got bronze.

The South Korean men, however, were disqualified from the 5,000 relay because star Min Ryoung took out an Italian on a spectacular crash. Min was treated at a local hospital, then released.

Amy Peterson, the U.S. flag bearer during the opening ceremony, "ran out of juice" in the 1,500 meter semifinals and failed to advance. Erin Porter was disqualified after causing an opponent to fall.

Ohno's teammate Rusty Smith also advanced in the men's 1,000, setting an Olympic record in the process.

SKI JUMPING: Simon Ammann of Switzerland — an engaging Harry Potter lookalike — added to his gold-medal collection by winning the 120 meter championship Wednesday in addition to his victory in the 90 meters.

Poland's Adam Malysz, who was third to Ammann at the shorter distance, finished second this time. Finland's Matti Hautamaeki was third.

The United States team still has a long way to go. With Alan Alborn coming 34th and Clint Jones 42nd, no American has been in the top 25 at the last three

Olympics.

HOCKEY: Canada and Sweden will play Saturday to settle their round-robin group in women's Olympic hockey. Both improved to 2-0 with victories by the same score: 7-0. Canada beat Russia, eliminating the bronze medalist from last year's world championships, and Sweden beat Kazakhstan.

On Thursday, the U.S. women play China and Finland faces Germany.

LUGE: Sylke Otto, who failed to qualify for the previous two Winter Olympics after competing in Albertville in 1992, won the 100th gold medal for Germany at all Winter games.

The German women swept the

event, with Barbara Niedernhuber taking silver and defending Olympic champion Silke Kraushaar getting bronze.

Becky Wilczak was fifth, equaling the highest singles finish for a U.S. woman.

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